

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 850

Submitted by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations on
28 MAR 2011

4491

Re: House Bill No. _____

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill Nos. 426 and 1455

Sponsors: Representatives Niel C. Tupas, Jr., Joseph Emilio A. Abaya, Erico Basilio
A. Fabian and Maria Isabelle G. Climaco

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations, to which ^{were} was
referred House Bill No. 426, introduced by Representative Erico Basilio A. Fabian,
entitled:

"AN ACT
AMENDING SECTIONS 14(J) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG.
129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION
ACT OF 1980"

and House Bill No. 1455, introduced by Representative Maria Isabelle G. Climaco,
entitled:

"AN ACT
AMENDING SECTIONS 14(J) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG.
129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION
ACT OF 1980"

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No.

4491, entitled:

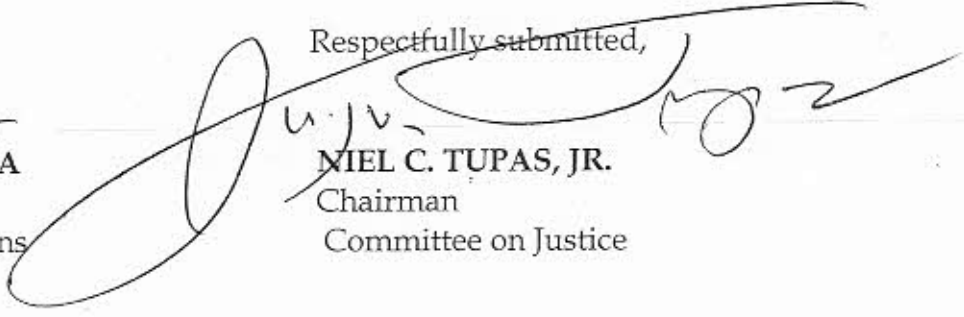
"AN ACT

CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT ZAMBOANGA CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

be approved in substitution of House Bill Nos. 426 and 1455 with Representatives Erico Basilio A. Fabian, Maria Isabelle G. Climaco, Niel C. Tupas, Jr., and Joseph Emilo A. Abaya, as authors thereof.


JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

Respectfully submitted,


NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.
Chairman
Committee on Justice

The Honorable
The Speaker
House of Representatives
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **4491**

Introduced by Representatives Erico Basilio A. Fabian, Maria Isabelle G. Climaco, Niel C. Tupas, Jr., and Joseph Emilio A. Abaya,

"AN ACT

CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT ZAMBOANGA CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. Four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court
2 to be stationed at Zamboanga City are hereby created in the Ninth Judicial
3 Region.

4 The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly-
5 created branches of Regional Trial Court in the Ninth Judicial Region.

6 SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with
7 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the
8 Court's program the operationalization of the four (4) additional branches of
9 the Regional Trial Court to be stationed at Zamboanga City, the funding of
10 which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

1 SEC. 3. Section 14 (j) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known
2 as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980" as amended, and all other laws,
3 rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby
4 amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

5 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
6 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general
7 circulation.

8 Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 426

Introduced by Honorable ERICO BASILIO A. FABIAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill proposes the creation of four additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTC) and four additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the City of Zamboanga.

Presently, and based on B.P. Blg. 129 ("The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980"), Zamboanga City has only six RTC branches and four MTC branches [Sec. 14(j), Sec. 29]. In 1991, when R.A. 7154 was approved, increasing the number of Regional Trial Courts in the 9th Judicial Region, which includes the City of Zamboanga, from 24 to 30, two additional branches were allotted to the Province of Zamboanga del Sur and none to Zamboanga City.

This Bill was first filed by this representation on September 28, 2004 as H. B. No. 3048 during the 13th Congress and was again filed on July 24, 2007 as H.B. 1298 during the 14th Congress. It was referred to the Committee on Justice, where it was pending upon adjournment of the 13th and 14th Congresses.

Zamboanga City is a highly urbanized city and is the center of commerce, industry, transportation, and communications in Western Mindanao (Region IX). The headquarters of the Southern Command are located in the city and the national government's regional offices operated therefrom. It has two legislative districts resulting from the enactment of R.A. 9269, approved on March 19, 2004. There are 98 barangays constituting the city which has a land area of 148,338.49 hectares, and a population of 601,794,000 as of the year 2000, according to the National Statistics Office. Twenty four years ago, in 1980, when B.P. Blg. 129 was approved, Zamboanga City had a population of 343,722,000, or only half of its year 2000 population. The number of people in the city continues to rise, with the NSO reporting an average annual growth rate of 2.18% (Western Mindanao).

With the increase of population through the years, the number of cases continues to grow and now clog the dockets of the six RTC and four MTC branches. Since 1983 up to August 2004, a total of 20,968 have been filed with the Regional Trial Court in Zamboanga City, 12,683 of which being criminal in nature. Presently, there is a total of 3,503 cases pending with the RTC. For the same 21-year period, a total of 12,586 criminal cases have been filed with the Municipal Trial Court. The existing 6 RTC branches and 4 MTC branches are clearly inadequate to handle the total case load. Hence, there is a need to allocate additional court branches in Zamboanga City, as herein proposed.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this Bill is earnestly requested.

ERICO BASILIO A. FABIAN
Zamboanga City

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **426**

Introduced by Honorable ERICO BASILIO A. FABIAN

AN ACT
AMENDING SECTIONS 14 (j) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (j) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"(j) Thirty-**FOUR** Regional Trial Judges shall be commissioned for the Ninth Judicial Region. There shall be:"

"Two branches for the Province of Basilan, with seats at Isabela;

"Three branches with seats thereat for the Province of Sulu, with seats at Jolo, Parang, and Siasi;

"Two branches with seats thereat for the Province of Tawi-Tawi, with seats at Bongao and Sapa-Sapa;

~~"Eight branches with seats thereat for the Province of Zamboanga del Norte and the Cities of Dipolog and Dapitan, with seats at Dipolog City, Sindagan, Siocon, and Liloy; and~~

~~"[Fifteen] NINETEEN branches with seats thereat for the Province of Zamboanga del Sur and the Cities of Pagadian and Zamboanga, with TEN (10) seats at Zamboanga City, AND THE REMAINING SEATS AT Pagadian City, Molave, San Miguel, Ipil, and Aurora."~~

SEC. 2. Section 29 of the same law is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 29. Municipal Trial Courts in cities. – In every city which does not form part of a Metropolitan area, there shall be a Municipal Trial Court with one branch, except as hereunder provided:

Two branches for Laoag City;
Four branches for Baguio City;
Three branches for Dagupan City;
Five branches for Olongapo City;
Three branches for Cabanatuan City;
Two branches for San Jose City;
Three branches for Angeles City;
Two branches for Cavite City;
Two branches for Batangas City;
Two branches for Lucena City;
Three branches for Naga City;
Two branches for Iriga City;
Three branches for Legaspi City;
Two branches for Roxas City;
Four branches for Iloilo City;
Seven branches for Bacolod City;
Two branches for Dumaguete City;
Two branches for Tacloban City;

Eight branches for Cebu City;
Three branches for Mandaue City;
Two branches for Tagbilaran City;
Two branches for Surigao City;
Two branches for Butuan City;
Five branches for Cagayan de Oro City;
Seven branches for Davao City;
Three branches for General Santos City;
Two branches for Oroquieta City;
Three branches for Ozamis City;
Two branches for Dipolog City;
[Four] **EIGHT** branches for Zamboanga City;
Two branches for Pagadian City; and
Two branches for Iligan City."

SEC. 3. The four additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in cities for Zamboanga City shall be numbered consecutively as Branches V, VI, VII, and VIII.

SEC. 4. The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the Government Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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House Bill No. **1455**

Introduced by Honorable MARIA ISABELLE G. CLIMACO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes the creation of four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) and four (4) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) in the City of Zamboanga.

Presently, and based on B.P. Blg. 129 (The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980), Zamboanga City has only six (6) RTC branches and four (4) MTCC branches [Sec. 14 (j), Sec. 29]. In 1991, when R.A. 7154 was approved, increasing the number of Regional Trial Courts in the 9th Judicial Region, which includes the City of Zamboanga del Sur and none to Zamboanga City.

Zamboanga City is a highly urbanized city and is the center of education, commerce, industry, transportation, and communication in Western Mindanao (Region IX), the headquarters of the Western Mindanao Command located in the city and some important national government regional offices operate therefrom. It has two legislative districts resulting from the enactment of R.A. 9269, approved on March 19, 2004. There are 98 barangays constituting the city which has a land area of 148,338.49 hectares, and a population of 774,407 as of August 1, 2007, according to the National Statistics Office. Thirty years ago (30) years ago, in 1980, when B.P. Blg. 129 was approved, Zamboanga City had a population of 343,722, or less than half of the 2007 population. The number of the people in the city continues to rise, with the NSO reporting an average annual growth rate of 2.18% (Western Mindanao).

With the increase of population through the years, the number of cases continues to grow and now clog the dockets of the six (6) RTC and four (4) MTCC branches. Since 1983 up to August 2004, a total of 20,968 have been filed with the Regional Trial Court in Zamboanga City, 12,683 of which being criminal nature. Presently, there is a total of 3,843 cases pending with the RTC or at an average of 640 cases per court which is far from the ideal number of cases which is 200 or less. For the same 21-year period, a total of 12,586 criminal cases have been filed with the Municipal Trial Court in Cities. As of December 31, 2009, the total pending of the four (4) MTCC is 6,249 or at an average of 1,692 cases per court. The existing 6 RTC branches and 4 MTCC branches are clearly inadequate to handle the total case load. Hence, there is a need to allocate additional court branches in Zamboanga City, as herein proposed.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this Bill is earnestly requested.


MARIA ISABELLE G. CLIMACO
1st District, Zamboanga City

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 1455

Introduced by Honorable MARIA ISABELLE G. CLIMACO

AN ACT
AMENDING SECTIONS 14 (J) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. Section 14, Paragraph (J) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“(J)” Thirty – FOUR Regional Trial Judges shall be commissioned for the Ninth Judicial Region. There shall be:”

“Two branches for the Province of Basilan, with seats at Isabela;

“Three branches with seats thereat for the Province of Sulu, with seats at Jolo, Parang, and Siasi;

“Two branches with seats thereat for the Province of Tawi – Tawi, with seats at Bongao and Sapa – Sapa;

“Eight branches with seats thereat for the Province of Zamboanga del Norte and the Cities of Dipolog and Dapitan, with seats at Dipolog City, Sindangan, Siocon, and Liloy; and

“[Fifteen] NINETEEN branches with seats thereat for the Province of Zamboanga del Sur, and the Cities of Pagadian and Zamboanga, with TEN (10) seats at Zamboanga City, AND THE REMAINING SEATS AT Pagadian City, Molave, San Miguel, Ipil, and Aurora.

SECTION 2. Section 29 of the same law is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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Two branches for Laoag City;
Four branches for Baguio City;
Three branches for Dagupan City;
Five branches for Olongapo City;
Three branches for Cabanatuan City;
Two branches for San Jose City;
Three branches for Angeles City;
Two branches for Cavite City;

Two branches for Batangas City;
Two branches for Lucena City;
Three branches for Naga City;
Two branches for Iriga City;
Three branches for Legaspi City;
Two branches for Roxas City;
Four branches for Iloilo City;
Seven branches for Bacolod City;
Two branches for Dumaguete City;
Two branches for Tacloban City;
Eight branches for Cebu City;
Three branches for Mandaue City;
Two branches for Tagbilaran City;
Two branches for Surigao City;
Two branches for Butuan City;
Five branches for Cagayan de Oro City;
Seven branches for Davao City;
Three branches for General Santos City;
Two branches for Oroquieta City;
Three branches for Ozamis City;
Two branches for Dipolog City;
[Four] EIGHT branches for Zamboanga City;
Two branches for Pagadian City; and
Two branches for Iligan City."

SECTION 3. The four additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities for Zamboanga City shall be numbered consecutively as branches V, VI, VII, and VIII.

SECTION 4. The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the Government Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

HON. JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA

*Congressman, 1st District, Cavite
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations*

February 2, 2011

HON. NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.

*Chairperson
Committee on Justice*

Dear *Chairperson Tupas*:

Please be informed that the Committee on Appropriations in its meeting held today at Conference Rooms 9 and 10, Ramon V. Mitra Building, approved to report out the following bills without amendment:

- 1: Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 3206, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABAGAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (B) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
- 2: Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 60 and 2157, entitled "AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF DAVAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (L), OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
- 3: Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 126, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF COMPOSTELA AND MABINI, COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

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4. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 142, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF TANAUAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
5. Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 163 and 688, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND SIX (6) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (d) AND SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
6. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 335, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILI, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (F) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
7. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1108, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAJIDIOCAN, ISLAND OF SIBUYAN, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
8. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1115, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF TACLOBAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
9. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1174, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC VIEJO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
10. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1315, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

11. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1482, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BOGO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
12. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 2226, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUBUAGAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (B) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
13. Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 2049, 2178 and 2179, entitled "AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF CALAMBA AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LOS BANOS AND CABUYAO, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
14. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 2721, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF SAGAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
15. Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 525, 526 and 527, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND A BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITIES OF NAGA AND CARCAR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H) AND SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
16. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 619, entitled "AN ACT CREATING A REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF AURORA TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CASIGURAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
17. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1407, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL WITH SEATS AT CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129,

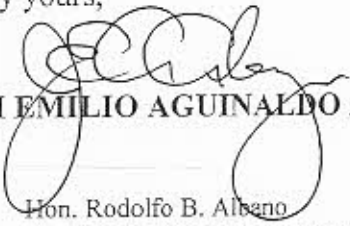
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

18. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1455, entitled "AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE STATIONED AT ZAMBOANGA CITY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
19. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1904, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
20. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 2720, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
21. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 3060, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO BE STATIONED AT STA. ROSA CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
22. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 3229, entitled "AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN MUNTINLUPA CITY, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
23. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 3256, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITIES OF LA CARLOTA AND BAGO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
24. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 3459, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN TO BE STATIONED AT PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129,

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"; and

25. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 2395, entitled "AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF NAVOTAS, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) AND SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

Very truly yours,


JOSEPH EMILIO AGUINALDO ABAYA *mh*

cc. Hon. Rodolfo B. Albano
Hon. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles
Hon. Maria Carmen Zamora-Apsay
Hon. Nelson P. Collantes
Hon. Magtanggol T. Gunigundo I
Hon. Rexlon T. Gatchalian
Hon. Luis R. Villafrute
Hon. Jesus F. Madrona
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Hon. Benhur L. Salimbangon
Hon. Manuel S. Agyao
Hon. Justin Marc SB. Chipeco
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Hon. Eduardo R. Gullas
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Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez
Hon. Maximo B. Rodriguez
Hon. Maria Isabelle G. Climaco
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FACT SHEET

Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 426 and 1455

(Approved by the Committee on Justice February 9, 2011)

“AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT ZAMBOANGA CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERFOR”

Introduced by: REPS. ERICO BASILIO A. FABIAN, MARIA ISABELLE G. CLIMACO, NIEL C. TUPAS, JR. AND JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE (PRIMARY)

Committee Chairperson: REP. NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS (SECONDARY)

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OBJECTIVE:

- To decongest the clogged dockets of the existing courts in Zamboanga City
- To ensure an efficient delivery of judicial services and promote speedy disposition of cases.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Creates four (4) additional RTC branches in Zamboanga City.
- Provides that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization of four additional RTC branches in Zamboanga City, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

RELATED LAW:

- Sec. 14 (j), BP 129, as amended



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COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

FOR : THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
THRU : THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR COMMITTEE AFFAIRS
RE : SPOT REPORT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE HELD ON 09
FEBRUARY 2011, TUESDAY, 9:30 A.M. AT CONFERENCE ROOM NO 11, MITRA
BUILDING, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DATE : 09 FEBRUARY 2011

A. JOINT WITH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

- The Committee on Justice and the Committee on Human Rights approved the Committee Report on the Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 307, 440 and 629, respectively authored by Reps. Roilo Golez, Juan Edgardo Angara and Simeon Datumanong, re: Defining the Use and Protection of the Red Cross, Red Crescent, Red Crystal and Red Lion and Sun Emblems, Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof and for Other Purposes.

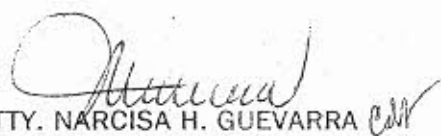
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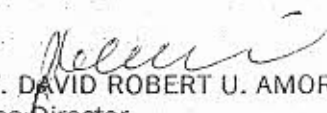
- The Committee on Justice approved the Committee Report on the Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 214, 237, 1767, 2438, 2681, 2795 and 3834, respectively authored by Reps. Magtanggol Gunigundo I, Pedro Romualdo, Florencio Miraflores, Mercedes Alvarez, Rogelio Espina, George Arnaiz, Rufus Rodriguez and Maximo Rodriguez re: Further Authorizing the City or Municipal Civil Registrar or the Consul General to Correct Clerical or Typographical Error in the Date of Birth or Sex of a Person Appearing in the Civil Register Without Need of a Judicial Order, Amending for the Purpose the Pertinent Provisions of Republic Act No. 9048. Reps. Teodoro Casiño and Rene Relampagos, chairman of the Committee on Human Rights, manifested their intention to be made co-authors of the substitute bill.
- The Committee also approved the Committee Report on the various substitute bills to House Bills re: creation of additional court salas, to wit:
 - HB Nos. 60 and 2157 re: 3 RTC branches (Davao City) by Rep. Karlo Nograles
 - HB Nos. 126 re: 2 RTC branches (Municipalities of Compostela and Mabini, Province of Compostela Valley) by Rep. Ma. Carmen Zamora-Apsay
 - HB No. 142 re: RTC branch (City of Tanauan, Batangas) by Rep. Nelson Collantes
 - HB No. 163 and 688 re: 6 MeTC branches and 2 RTC branches (Valenzuela City) by Reps. Magtanggol Gunigundo I and Rexlon Gatchalian

- HB No. 335 re: RTC branch (Pili, Camarines Sur) by Rep. Luis Villafuerte
- HB Nos. 525, 526 and 527 re: 2 RTC branches and MTC branch (Naga City and Carcar City, Cebu) by Rep. Eduardo Gullas
- HB No. 1108 re: RTC branch (Municipality of Cajidiocan, Romblon) by Rep. Eleandro Jesus Madrona
- HB No. 1115 re: 2 RTC branches Tacloban) by Rep. Ferdinand Martin Romualdez
- HB No. 1174 re: 2 RTC branches (Barotac Viejo, Iloilo) by Rep. Niel Tupas, Jr.
- HB No. 1315 re: RTC branch (Bislig, Surigao del Sur) by Rep. Florencio Garay
- HB No. 1482 re: RTC branch (Bogo, Cebu City) by Rep. Benhur Salimbangon
- HB Nos. 2049, 2178 and 2179 re: 5 RTC branches (Calamba, Cabuyao and Los Baños, Laguna) by Rep. Justin Chipeco
- HB No. 2226 re: RTC branch (Lubuagan, Kalinga) by Rep. Manuel Agyao
- HB No. 2721 re: RTC branch (Sagay City, Negros Occidental) by Rep. Alfredo Maraño III
- HB No. 619 re: RTC branch (Casiguran, Aurora) by Rep. Juan Edgardo Angara
- HB No. 1407 re: 1407 re: 2 MTC branches (Cagayan de Oro) by Rep. Rufus Rodriguez
- HB Nos. 426 and 1455 re: 4 RTC branches (Zamboanga City) by Rep. Maria Isabelle Climaco and Erico Basilio Fabian
- HB No. 1904 re: RTC branch (Carmona, Cavite) by Rep. Roy Loyola
- HB No. 2720 re: RTC branch (Guimbal, Iloilo) by Rep. Janette Garin
- HB No. 3060 re: 2 RTC branches (Sta. Rosa, Laguna) by Rep. Danilo Ramon Fernandez
- HB No. 3229 re: 5 MeTC branches (Muntinlupa City) by Rep. Rodolfo Biazon
- HB No. 3256 re: 2 RTC branches (La Carlota and Bago, Negros Occidental) by Rep. Jeffrey Ferrer
- HB No. 3459 re: 2 MTC branches (Puerto Princesa) by Rep. Victorino Dennis Socrates
- HB No. 2395 re: 3 RTC branches and 2 MeTC branches (Navotas) by Rep. Tobias Tiangco
- HB No. 3206 re: RTC branch (Isabela) by Rep. Rodolfo Albano

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The Honorable Chairman, Committee on Rules
The Secretary General
The Executive Director, Committee Affairs Department
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